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1. Warnemuende: On 3 December the former transatlantic liner "Hamburg" arrived at Warnemuende from Antwerp in tow of the Soviet tug "Werkat", assisted by two smaller sea-going tugs. She was taken to the Warnow Yard. On the same day the 4,500 T Soviet freighter "Tarta" of Tallinn left for Leningrad with case-goods consisting of machine parts for "Technoimport Moscow".
2. The former "Kordillera", now "Huse", which was to run her trials on 6 December is still at her pier. The main engines are giving trouble and the starboard engine will have to be taken out.
3. The "Hansa", now "Sovietskii Soyuz", lacks boiler tubes. One thousand eight hundred tubes are needed for each boiler and they are not to be had in the Demokratische Deutsche Republik (DDR). A representative of the "Zentrafrucht" firm of Rotterdam, connected with the branch in Hamburg, commissioned an engineer of the Energie-und-Kraftmaschinenbau named Willi Moses of Hilsenbeckstrasse in Dessau to obtain the tubes through a business acquaintance in Holland. Moses received this commission from the Warnow Yard. Up to the present 50 tons of tubes for the auxiliary boilers of the "Hansa" have been received. There are no tubes for the main boilers. Two work-groups of the Elektrizitaet-und-Kraftmaschinen (EKE) have pledged themselves to build tubes for the main boilers on Stalin's birthday.

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4. On 1 January the Type I, 1,300 ton ship will be launched. This steamer is to have a 1,000 HP diesel engine (NOTE: as expressed by sources) with the drive forward of the engine. The 9,600 ton steamer will have 8,000 HP, with four engines, each on a separate shaft. The former chief constructor and currently Szczecin officer Buetzow says that the construction of this ship is faulty, too much space having been given to the engines.
5. At the Warnow Yard the boats R 6 and R 3 for the Szczecin, which were not to be completed until the spring, will now be ready by Christmas. R 6 has received a new bow, and a new engine is being tested on R 3.
6. The "Puerstenberg" and "Fronaler", formerly the Danish "Sixtus" and "Kvintus", will be completed as minelayers by the Poeschewitz Yard at Holst on 1 January. These boats seem to have been built too high and with too much top-weight. They have mine-tracks on either beam. Constructor Schleg drew the plans, and also those for other Szczecin craft.
7. R 5 is still at the yard for repairs to her machinery.
8. At the Warnow Yard two 100-ton floating cranes are to be laid down on 1 January. They will have booms for 100, 50 and 25 tons. The tops will be 41.5 m above the waterline. At the forward end is a movable cabin for the crane operator. At the after end is the machinery installation, of pyramidal form, containing a counterweight. The cranes will be self-propelled, with two screws and 160 HP diesel engines. The movable section forward can be taken down to allow passage under bridges.
9. The boiler installations of the ships of the Polish river flotilla are worn out and in need of overhaul; moreover they are of so many different types that an effort to standardize them is being made. Five river lighters have recently been brought from Holland, the most recent and modern being the lighter "Janewit". This has a Wagner boiler of 81 square meters of heating surface, much better than the Scotch boilers of the rest. It is intended to install Wagner boilers in the other ships.

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10. On 6 December the "Popowitsch" went out of Warnemuende, accompanied by the guardboat RT 534, but the latter had to return because the wind reached a force of 8. The "Popowitsch" left under the Soviet naval flag.
11. Stralsund: On the mainland side the construction of new slip has begun. The refrigerator drifters 162, 163, and 164 are on the mainland side at present, the 165 on the Ruegen side. There are also being completed the seiners RO 632, PO 633, PO 634 and PO 635; and a Soviet coast guard boat, formerly a German air rescue craft. In the slip on the mainland side of the yard are the drifter "Activist" and the drifter "Friedrich Engels", both belonging to the fishery trust and in for general overhaul.
12. At the Volkswerft are four reparations drifters which will be turned over in a few days. Two recently-launched trawlers are being rigged. They are equipped with rebuilt old 1,000 HP Wumag engines. Two drifters belonging to the fishery trust are in for repairs, one of them being the "Rosa Luxemburg", RO 104, which was damaged by a mine in the Belt during the autumn. The salvage ship "Bremen" is in the slip and is to be ready by 1 January.
13. There are large electric generating installations along the Baltic coast at Wisner, Rostock, Warnemuende and Stralsund. Most of them have steam turbines. The capacity of the Stralsund installation is insufficient to furnish electricity for the city, and extra power is brought from Brandenburg. There are also small standby installations at Wolgast and Sassnitz. The large power installation of Poeknerode, which was carried off by the Soviets, is to be rebuilt, and on a larger scale. When complete it will be the main source of power for the shipyards. The East Zone foundry trust has its own power station.
14. There are sound and radar stations on Ruegen at Kuehlungsborn, Ahlbeck, Arkona, Lohme and Stubbenkammer. There is also a radar apparatus at the observatory in Greifswald, which was turned over by Soviet officers to the engineer Ewert. Ewert is only allowed to use it in certain areas. He also has a license from the Soviets as a radio amateur.

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15. At present there is no radar on the Greifswalder Oie, but one is planned for it. The place is now occupied only by a signal station, manned by six Soviet soldiers and six Seepolizei. A mobile Soviet radar station has also been observed in the coastal area.
16. Danzig: The airfield being built under the pretext of a sports field has been carried so far that the concrete runway has been carried out to the houses of the Danzigen suburb.
17. Part of the personnel from the Danzigen Yard have gone to other yards, but most of them to Gohlisdorf. The Gohlisdorf Yard has given up the construction of wooden cutters, and now builds iron and steel customs cutters, fireboats and pilot boats. The first fireboat has been launched. The yard also undertakes the overhaul of fishing cutters for the fishery trust at Sassnitz.
18. Bad weather forced the abandonment of salvage work on the "Thaemern". The Seegruppe West of the salvage unit has been split into two parts, one of them for work on the former surveying ship "Eriton" at Stralsund. After Christmas there will be many dismissals.

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